

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

May 23, 2019

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Nominating Committee, Britt Huff, Chair

RE: Nominating Committee Recommendation for 2019-2020 SBCCOG Officers

Adherence to the Strategic Plan

Goal D: Organizational Stability. Be a high performing organization with a clear path to long-term financial health, staffing continuity and sustained board commitment.

The Nominating Committee, whose members are Britt Huff, Jim Osborne, and Jim Gazeley, presents the following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 fiscal year starting July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020:

Chairman	Christian Horvath Mayor Pro Tem, Redondo Beach
1 st Vice Chair	Olivia Valentine Mayor Pro Tem, Hawthorne
2 nd Vice Chair	Drew Boyles Mayor, El Segundo

The Board previously approved nominating 4 additional at large members to the Steering Committee in order to more deeply engage city council members in the work of the SBCCOG and to better prepare members to serve as future SBCCOG officers.

Recommended at large nominees to the Steering Committee are:

1. Cedric Hicks, Council Member, Carson
2. Rodney Tanaka, Gardena
3. John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
4. Open

All candidates have agreed to serve if elected.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board should receive the report of the Nominating Committee and open nominations from the floor for the officers and 4 at large Steering Committee positions.

Election of officers and at large Steering Committee members will be at the June Board meeting.



Cedric L. Hicks, Sr., started his career with the City of Compton as an Officer/Jailer for the Compton Police Department. His educational background includes: A.A. degree from Los Angeles Harbor College ~ B.A. degree from California State University Fullerton ~ M.A. degree from California State University Dominguez Hills and a M.B.A. degree from UCLA – Johnson and Johnson Fellows program.

His experience and education spans over 30-years. His past employers have been Los Angeles County Probation Department, Charles R. Drew University – Head Start as Deputy Director of Administrative Services for 22 school sites.

His Carson employment started as Recreation Program Manager in Parks and Recreation, to Human Services Manager for Senior programs, to Recreation Superintendent and finally the first African American Director of Community Services which administered a budget of 31 million for Sheriff.

Cedric made full circle and become the Assistant City Manager for the City of Compton where he retired with a combine 32-years of government services between the City of Compton and City of Carson.

Over the years, Cedric has been involved in various volunteer organizations; 5-years for the March of Dimes, 10-years for the American Cancer Society 12- years with Kiwanis Club of Carson providing countless volunteer service.

In 2016, Cedric was awarded the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat of the Year for his contribution to the Democratic process and for his continue work for all citizens. On November 6, 2016, he was elected to the City of Carson City Council as the newest Councilman.

Needless to say, Cedric feels his greatest accomplishment is being married to the love of his life (Philipta) for over 30-years who is also a graduate of Carson schools Cal State University Dominguez Hills and their 3-children. Cedric and his family have been a resident of Carson for over 25-years.

Councilmember Rodney G. Tanaka



BIOGRAPHY

Elected in March 2017, for a first term as a Gardena Councilmember, Rodney G. Tanaka is new to the City in the capacity as a Member of the Council. He will continue to represent the City very well as he is a retired City of Gardena Police Department Lieutenant. Councilman Tanaka will serve in his first term until March 2022. He is currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem.

Tanaka has already made leadership commitments to the City by accepting assignments to represent the City Council and citizens of Gardena as a delegate to the League of California Cities – Los Angeles County Division, to the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority, and to the Inglewood Fire Training Facility Authority Commission. He is also representing Gardena as an alternate delegate to the Independent Cities Association (ICA) and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG).

During the many years he has resided in Gardena, Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka has been a Distinguished Leader with the Gardena Elks Lodge, an Executive Leader with Kiwanis International, and is an Honoree on the City of Gardena Wall of Fame.

He is sharing new ideas for the betterment of the City, its citizens, and members of the business community.

John Cruikshank is President & CEO of two Southern California engineering firms: JMC² Civil Engineering + Surveying, a San Pedro based company founded in 1996 and OKAMOTO Structural Engineering, a Costa Mesa firm founded in 1979.

Because of his involvement with hundreds of unique engineering projects, John leverages that experience to successfully support his client's critical projects. His current responsibilities include corporate leadership, client relations, business development, community outreach, and project management.



John started his career working for Caltrans (Los Angeles) then two civil engineering firms prior to starting his own.

John attended the University of Southern California (USC) where he received his Bachelors of Science in Building Science in 1988. He became a Registered Civil Engineer in the State of California in 1993. He is a licensed professional engineer in more than 20 states. He obtained his Masters of Science in Engineering Management from USC in 1994.

In addition to his 30 years in civil engineering, John is currently a Board Member and Past President of the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce (HAIC) where he formed the HAIC Workforce Development Committee. In 2017, he was named a Fellow with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), awarded Alumni of Year from USC's School of Civil Engineering, and elected as a City Councilmember for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

John lives in Rancho Palos Verdes with his wife, Jennifer and son, Sean, who is a Senior at Peninsula High School.